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In re Application of: Joseph H. Sklar  
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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed April 22, 2002, with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from July 22, 2002 to October 22, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$460.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

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In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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